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Crackdown on lockdown offenders

Traffic Cops barricade K.R. Circle to restrict vehicular movement. (Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayan Yadav)

Mysuru, Apr. 18- In a stringent measure to enforce the lockdown to contain the Coronavirus spread, the Mysuru Police blocked many roads to preventviolators riding or driving. They have stepped up surveillance and are making public announcements to deter people from venturing out.

"As many people, especially youth venture out on motorbikes or cars to roam around despite lockdown, we have blocked many roads to stop violators from coming out for joy rides," a Police official told *Star of Mysore*.

Though a few categories of people are exempt from the lockdown with curfew pass to commute as they are in essential services or supplies, hundreds of others still come out of houses for fun ride or drive on deserted roads with their adrenaline pumping.

"We have blocked many roads and have posted Policemen and lady Police to prevent violators from coming out of their homes or flats on their vehicles and indulge in drag race or zoom at top speed as the roads are virtually empty. Many violators have been in the act, fined and their vehicles seized," said the official.

The Police have barricaded all roads in Vijayanagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Nazarbad, Janata Nagar, Kuvempunagar, J.P. Nagar, Jayalakshmipuram, Srirampura 2nd Stage and Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Nagar 2nd Stage, where COVID-19 positive cases were traced and are keeping a watch.

Meanwhile, following 12 positive cases yesterday, residents of Ashokapuram, Jayanagar, Hebbal, Lokanayakanagar, Raghavendranagar, Mathuranagar, B.M. Sri Nagar, Metagalli, Nazarbad, Medar Block and other areas have voluntarily blocked all connecting roads to the main road in their areas by placing huge stones, bricks and thorny bushes across the roads restricting the movement of vehicles.

The Police have also blocked all main roads in the city and are only allowing vehicles carrying essential commodities, government service personnel, media personnel, home delivery vehicles and those going to hospitals and medical stores.

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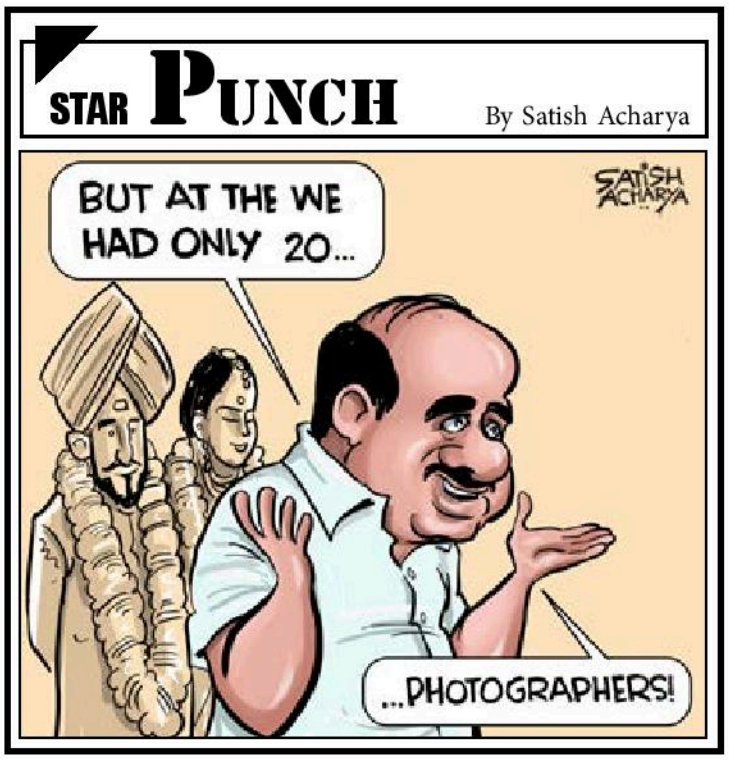

Buzzing Boti Bazaar sees slump in Business

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

Mysuru, Apr.18- With all trading and commercial activities coming to a grinding halt due to COVID-19 lockdown, the trading of banana in Boti Bazar (mutton market) area on Aane Sarot road in the heart of the city has come down drastically, much to the despair of banana merchants.

The Boti Bazar located adjacent to Devaraja Market, has many Banana Mandis and other wholesale fruit shops. While most banana traders have shifted to RMC Market yard in 2015, some others continue trading in their old shops on Boti Bazar area which until a few months ago was famous for banana wholesale trade.

But things have completely changed for the traders following the COVID-19 lockdown, who say that their business turnover has come down by over 70 percent in the past one month. Many banana traders say that very few buyers are coming following the lockdown, which has been a cause of great concern for them.

Banana merchants hit

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, R. Prakash, owner of Sapthagiri Balemandi in Boti Bazar area said that he owns three shops in the area which supply bananas of different varieties such as Yelakki, Cavendish and Nanjangud rasabale to retail shops in localities across the city at wholesale rates. But things have changed altogether in the last one month of the lockdown, as there are few buyers.

In the past, business used to begin at 7 am but now due to lockdown regulations, trading commences at 5 am. Earlier, retail sellers used to buy 5 bunches of banana, which has now come down to just two because retailers are facing a huge drop in demand, he said and added that, however, the prices have come down post lockdown.

Maintaining that he had not witnessed such a situation in the past, Prakash said that Boti Bazar banana traders purchase the fruit from the farmers at a price one rupee higher than that offered by HOPCOMS and added that most growers come to Boti Bazar as it is the most prominent area for banana trading.

80 percent drop in business

Naushad, another Banana wholesale trader at Boti Bazar said that he has witnessed an 80 percent drop in business post lockdown. He said that due to poor business, most of the shops have shut and only four of them are open, including his. Although the price of fruits have come down and the shops are permitted to open with regulations in place, only a few customers are coming.

Meanwhile, Butter fruit (Benne Hannu) which is another fruit that is sold in Boti Bazar area, is rotting in shops, with hardly any buyers. Juice sellers were the main customers for butter fruits, which used to sell at Rs.100 to 120 a kg before lockdown. But with most shops closed and hardly a few buyers, the fruit is rotting. Even though the fruit is being sold at half the usual price, there are no buyers, rues Naushad who said that it is painful for him to see the fruits decaying.

Pushcart vendors affected

Boti Bazar area, which is known for wholesale trade of fruits, also provides some space for pushcart fruit vendors. However, these pushcart vendors too are staring at an uncertain future as their business has drastically come down following the lockdown.

Mahadeva, a pushcart vendor said that he has been doing business in Boti Bazar area and near Dufferin clock tower (small clock tower) for the past 15 years and there are over a hundred pushcart vendors like him. Now due to the lockdown only a handful of customers come to the market and as such, their business has taken a severe hit.

Unhappy with MCC's mutton price, stall owners on indefinite stir

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Mutton stall owners in city, who have refused to sell the meat as per the rate fixed by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), have begun an indefinite stir.

Following the ban on fairs due to lockdown and as the MCC had banned the sale of chicken meat due to bird flu, demand for mutton had increased. As village fairs are banned, meat traders are now purchasing sheep and goat in rural areas by paying more than the earlier price.

Justifying the increase in the price of mutton, traders said that as the prices of sheep and goat have gone up, it has become inevitable for them to sell meat at higher price.

500 mutton stalls

There are more than 500 licensed mutton stalls in city. Meat lovers are dependent on these stalls including the ones in Boti Bazaar. As mutton stall owners have closed the stalls, customers are now buying chicken meat and fish.

2,000 families in hardship

Mutton is being supplied to mutton stalls across the city from the slaughter house at Kurimandi in Old Kesare and mutton traders, who purchase sheep from various places, bring them to the slaughter house, pay a fee of Rs. 20, get the animal slaughtered and then take the meat to their stalls and sell it.

There are more than 2,000 daily wagers who earn a living by working in more than 500 mutton stalls. These daily wagers are paid between Rs. 500 and Rs. 600 by mutton stall owners to clean the slaughtered sheep and for other works. Now, with meat traders on strike, the families of these 2,000 daily wagers are now facing hardship.

Following the announcement of lockdown, all shops (except grocery shops, medical stores and milk booths) were closed and due to demand by customers, mutton stalls were permitted to conduct business after Ugadi. But due to the lack of availability, only a few mutton stalls were open. As the demand for meat grew, a few mutton traders, making use of the situation, increased the price of the mutton which crossed more than Rs. 650 per kilogram. At some stalls, prices touched Rs. 800. The MCC, following complaints by consumers that the traders were selling the meat at exorbitant prices, fixed the price to Rs. 500 per kilogram and had warned meat traders against selling the meat at higher price.

Fix the price between Rs. 620 and Rs. 680

Mutton traders are purchasing sheep and goat from Chitradurga, Haveri, Ballari, Kirugaval, Bannur, T. Narasipur and other places and even traders from the neighbouring Tamil Nadu are now dependent on Karnataka for sheep and goat. This has resulted in severe competition for the purchase of sheep and goat.

"We cannot sell the meat at the price fixed by MCC and officials should consider this and fix the price between Rs. 620 and Rs. 680 per kg. We make a profit of Rs. 20 per kg from which we have to pay the workers," says Syed Ahmed Qureshi, President, Mysuru Mutton Merchants Association.

In Mysuru, 700 to 800 sheep are slaughtered on Sundays, 50 on Mondays, 300 on Tuesdays, 200 on Wednesdays, 150 on Thursdays, 400 on Fridays and 150 sheep are slaughtered on Saturdays.

Before the lockdown was announced, the price of sheep meat had crossed Rs. 600 per kg. In Bengaluru, the price of mutton per kg is fixed between Rs. 750 and Rs. 800, Mandya Rs. 650, Hassan Rs. 650 and in Tamil Nadu the price is fixed at Rs. 1,000, claimed S. Nagendra, Secretary, Mysuru Mutton Merchants Association.

"As mutton traders from Tamil Nadu are dependent on sheep and goats from Karnataka, the demand and the rates have increased. We are dependent on this trade for a living and the MCC should protect us and fix a reasonable price," Nagendra added.

VOICE OF THE READER

Will pet dog owners be more responsible?

Sir,

In recent times, it is very common to find pets like dogs and cats in many of the houses. While I appreciate and respect these owners, who are taking good care of the pets inside their homes, some of them hardly cares for cleanliness on the road or footpath outside their homes or in their neighbourhood when it comes to taking these pets either for a walk or attending its nature calls.

Normally, the pet owner takes his neighbourhood for granted. This is not correct.

The Mysore City Corporation (MCC) should address this serious problem and advise all these proud pet owners not take any pet dogs outside, especially for attending its nature calls. Also they must be advised to bring their pets outside only for walking, necessarily with leash. The offenders must be punished by way of suitable penalty.

It is also suggested that the pet owners can engage some expert dog trainers and make it as a habit for their pet dogs to excrete and urinate only in the bathroom of their house.

The above is a nuisance and my daily experience in one street of Vijayanagar Railway Layout. I think this is a common nuisance, experienced by all Mysureans.

Hope, these pet owners become more responsible and stop creating such unwanted nuisance on public roads.

— Nagamangala Narasimha Murthy

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Lockdown: KarnatakaOne Centres closed

Citizens can pay electricity, water, phone bills online at www.karnatakaone.gov.in

Mysuru, Apr. 18- All 'KarnatakaOne' Centres in Mysuru have been closed following the COVID-19 lockdown. But for the convenience of customers, online services such as Water Bill Payment, Electricity Bill (Urban), Telephone Bill Payment, BSNL Bill Payment, Collection of Traffic Police Violation Fine and many more are being provided.

Customers can pay the bills online during the lockdown period and stay home to stay healthy.

How to Pay

• First you need to log in to this website: ***www.karnataka-one.gov.in***

• Then fill in the requested name, address, bill number and bill amount.

• You have to fill in the information of the mode of payment — Credit Card, Debit Card, PayTM, UPI or Net Banking.

• If you are donating to CM Relief Fund, you have to fill the donor's name, company name, mobile number, address, e-mail

and mode of payment details.

• Then press the payment button and fill in the OTP that comes to your mobile phone number.

• Following this you'll get a message of confirmation for the payment made.

• You can also e-mail to: *one-helpdesk@karnataka.gov.in* to get confirmation about your money transfer.

MICA uploads video lectures on YouTube channel

Subscribe for free and prepare for PU, CET and NEET

Mysuru, Apr. 18- MICA Mysuru PU College is uploading PU Science and Commerce video lectures on their YouTube channel.

The channel has over 100 video lectures from MICA teaching faculty.

Students may subscribe to the channel for free and engage themselves in a robust academic learning regime and prepare for the upcoming regular and entrances exams, according to a press release from the College Principal.

The channel's link: ***https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCws1Kq1dKTVhzSo3HtMae0Q***

CSIR-CFTRI's biscuits reach patients at AIIMS

Mysuru, Apr. 18- The high protein biscuits formulated by CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, has reached the COVID-19 patients now undergoing treatment at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi.

CFTRI supplied 500 kg of high protein biscuits and 500 kg of high protein rusks to the Dietitics Department of the Medical Institute to supply to the patients.

The biscuits were supplied on request from the officials of the Institute. The biscuits contain 14% of protein while usual biscuits contain around 8-9% protein.

"The enriched biscuits will provide protein needed for recuperating patients," says Dr. K.S.M.S.Raghavarao, Director, CSIR-CFTRI.

"It is also pertinent to mention here that the recipe formulation of the protein enriched products is being done by the dedicated scientists of CSIR-CFTRI, Mysuru and manufactured as per FSSAI regulations," says Dr. Parmeet Kaur, Chief Dietician, AIIMS, New Delhi, about the biscuits.

COVID patients undergoing treatment in the hospital along with others will be receiving the biscuits as part of their routine diet. The biscuits were manufactured in Noida, UP, by Seven Seas Private Limited based on the formulation from CSIR-CFTRI and logistic support to supply to the needy was provided by the Indian Society of Agricultural Professionals, New Delhi.

Old-age home residents donate Rs. 27,000 towards COVID-19 Fund

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Around 40 residents (24 women and 16 men) reside at an old-age home, 'Pejawar Dhama', run by Pejawar Trust at J.P. Nagar in city. Most of them are from Mysuru, Bengaluru and Chennai and aged above 65 years.

The Trust conducts cultural programmes, discourses, Sahasranama, bhajans and meditation for the residents of the home apart from providing them nutritious meals every day. In case of medical emergencies, Dr. Nagendra Prasad and Dr. Rama Nagendra Prasad attend in-house calls.

COVID-19 measures

Amidst the lockdown, the management at the old-age home has beefed up all safety measures since all of the residents are aged 65 and above and are at high risk of contracting the deadly virus. "Nobody is allowed to enter the premises without a valid reason, relatives visiting the residents are screened and their temperatures are measured before letting them inside," Trust's Administrative Officer Gurunath, told Star of Mysore.

Residents donate to CM's Relief Fund

Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas visited the old-age home yesterday and distributed food to the residents. On the occasion, the 40 residents donated a total of Rs. 27,000 towards the CM's COVID-19 Relief Fund and presented Ramdas with a cheque on their behalf.

Ramdas addressed the residents and thanked them profoundly for their contribution and said that the purpose of his visit to 'Pejawar Dhama' was to check on the well-being of the residents. GSS Foundation's D. Srihari, Pejawar Trust's Administrative Officer Gurunath and others were present.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Remembering Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj – 15

Shivaji attacks Mughal Fort Sinhagad

[Continued from Apr. 15]

Historians differ in their opinions about the war that began between Mughal army and Shivaji following this letter. One version says Aurangzeb was busy dealing with a sudden Persian invasion in the North and Pathan rising at Peshawar. Here in the South it was a divided command between Dilir Khan, who was newly appointed to South, Emperor's son Muazzam and Jaswanth Singh. Thus when Marathas decided to take revenge on Aurangzeb for his second attempt to arrest Shivaji deceitfully, as mentioned in his letter to his son Prince Muazzam, the Mughals drifted unawares into war with Marathas who decided to capture the two Forts near Pune — Purandar and Sinhagad— which were with Mughals as per the second agreement with Commander Jaswanth Singh and Prince Muazzam.

There is another version which made Shivaji to attack these two Forts in possession of the Mughals and capture them. It is said Shivaji was at first nervous of attacking the Lion Fort and had to be urged by his mother. According to a Maratha folklore (ballad) Shivaji's mother Jijabai was sitting one morning at the window of the Palace in Pratapgad combing her hair. When Sinhagad Fort (Lion Fort) came into her view and was mesmerised by the sight, she remembered that it was in Mughal hands.

She immediately sent a message to Raigad, the capital where Shivaji was and asked her son to come immediately. When Shivaji came, she did not tell him the purpose immediately but challenged him for a game of dice. Out of great reverence to his mother and also to honour her, he agreed. He lost the game and asked what she wanted as a prize for winning the game. She pointed towards the window and said, "Give me the Sinhagad."

Since it was in Mughal hands, Shivaji offered her any other Fort she wished but his mother insisted on having the Lion Fort only. Helpless, Shivaji agreed.

Immediately Shivaji called his gallant Commandant Tanaji and ordered him to launch an attack on Sinhagad and capture it. History records this was one of the Forts which was very well fortified by high walls with smooth surface and without crevice or foothold.

Tanaji's soldiers were unable to impregnate the Fort in their traditional method. Therefore, Tanaji ordered for a well-trained hill-iguana, a unique animal species of western India which is known in Marathi as Ghorpad.

These iguanas are sure-footed on a vertical smooth surface to ascend any height and they are so strong they can take the weight of a man. The Ghorpad that was brought by Tanaji was called Yeshwant. Do you remember the Defence Minister of India during the period of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and Finance Minister under PM Indira Gandhi, YashwantraoChavan? With the help of Yeshwant, Tanaji sent one soldier on the Fort wall and the rest of the operation of taking soldiers up became easy. The Marathas, in that chill February night, climbed the Fort wall with rope ladders and poured over the wall yelling their battle cry, "Hurr! Hurr! Mahadev!" The war was won but their Commander Tanaji, who was standing on the edge of the wall, was suddenly attacked by an Afghan Mughal soldier and killed.

Shivaji and his mother saw the victory fire and flag of Marathas from their Palace Pratapgad. Shivaji told his mother with pride, "You have your fortress now." However, when soldiers came with the sad news of Tanaji's death, there was gloom all around. Shivaji said in sorrow, "I have won the Lion Fort but lost my Lion." (Gad Aala, Sinh Gela). Later Tanaji's brother Suryaji captured the other Fort Purandar from the Mughals.

In spite of the Mughal defeat, Emperor Aurangzeb ordered his Viceroy of Gujarat to go to Maratha country with fresh troops. But Shivaji's army threw them out successfully.

Since the second Treaty of February 1668, a war was fought in which Shivaji decisively defeated Mughals and occupied two important Forts and also defeated the Mughals led by the Viceroy of Gujarat. Shivaji was the King and Lord of the Maratha country.

Now in September 1668 Shivaji prepared a second attack on Surat and on October 3, 1668 opened the assault. The Mughal General of Surat lost. Surat was looted to the last house and big merchants shifted to Bombay which thereafter benefited materially. The Mughals began to believe that English were in league with Shivaji and hence English were Maratha agents who collaborated in Surat's attack by Shivaji.

With every victory against Mughal forces Shivaji's ambition to add more territories to his kingdom also swelled. He marched to the South of Goa and built a castle upon a very high hill so that others could see his power and glory. Shivaji threatened a third attack on Surat to mislead the Mughals and make them move their forces from Central India towards Surat. Shivaji's strategy worked. He moved his forces and captured the Mughal territory Khandesh. The Emperor was furious and he sent reinforcement of 40,000 under General Mahabat Khan who was an elderly person but fun-loving. In his camp there were his friends and 400 selected Afghan dancing girls. His army met Shivaji's army in 1672 only to be defeated with heavy causalities on Mughal side. But Aurangzeb was not the one to accept defeat. He appointed a new Viceroy Bahadur Khan to wage war against Shivaji. But unfortunately Marathas remained dominant against a demoralised Mughal army. Bahadur Khan simply sank from the battle.

After thus reducing the Mughal armies in the Deccan to a mere presence while the Mughal Generals and Viceroys were wallowing in luxury, Shivaji suddenly turned his attention towards east of India and advanced against the Kingdom of Golconda. Hastily the Musalman King of a rich Golconda offered two million gold pagodas as tribute.

Shivaji was now Supreme in South India and for Hindus he seemed a great defender of Hindu faith against the Muslim Mughal Emperor and other Muslim Sultans. **Shivaji thus decided to give a dramatic exhibition of his increasing power and authority by becoming an Emperor.** Accordingly he announced he would hold a grand coronation in the manner of old Emperors of India like Ashoka, Chandragupta Maurya, Prithviraj Chauhan and the like.

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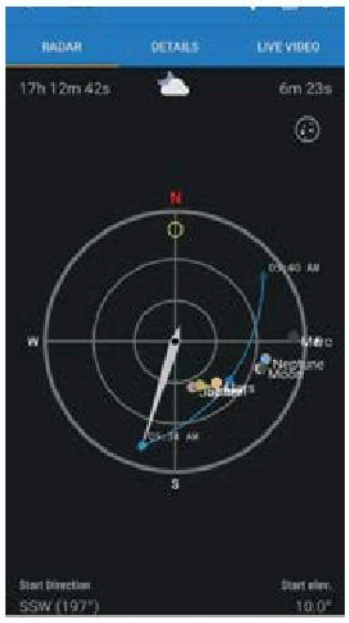
Station visible in Mysuru tomorrow



Mysuru, Apr. 18- The International Space Station (ISS) will be visible in the city skyline during early hours tomorrow, Apr. 19.

"Tomorrow morning is a great time to view the ISS from most parts of Karnataka. It can be spotted rising quite brightly in the southern part of the morning sky around 05:33 and seen to move towards East of North East (ENE), setting around 05:42. It attains maximum brightness of - 1.9 around 05:37, at an altitude of 29 degrees," Eclipse Chaser Dr. S.N. Prasad, former Professor of Physics, Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru, told *Star of Mysore*.

"It will then be quite close to the Moon as well the three planets — Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Weather permitting, you should be able to see it very clearly for about four minutes at least. So, it is a great opportunity and I hope you will utilise it," he said.

Known as one of the incredible human achievements in space science, ISS is located at a height of around 350 km from the surface of the Earth and continuously revolves around the Earth at a speed of around 6.77km/second. Given its speed of rotation, the space station completes 16 rotations in one day.

Hence, the astronauts from ISS can witness 16 sunrises and also an equal number of sunsets in a single day. Amateurs as well as experts can observe the ISS from their homes or terraces and that they should not forget to observe the norms of social distancing during the rare sighting.

As per US-based National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), astronaut Chris Cassidy and two Russian cosmonauts arrived Thursday for their mission aboard the ISS, restoring the orbiting laboratory's population to six people.

Anti-Poaching Camp watcher found dead in Veeranahosalli

Mysuru, Apr. 18- Mahadeva Nayaka, an Anti-Poaching Camp watcher, was found dead in Gurugala Kere tank in Veeranahosalli Range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve yesterday.

The 48-year-old was on night shift elephant driving duty along with three other staff on Thursday. While driving wild elephants into the forest, he got separated from the elephant driving team, sources said.

As it was late on Thursday night, it was not possible to trace him and next morning (Friday), his body was found floating in the lake, sources added. Forest officials suspect that Mahadeva Nayaka might have been attacked by a wild elephant.

Mahadeva Nayaka

Hunsur Town Police have registered a case in this regard and are investigating. Mortal remains of Mahadeva Nayaka will be handed over to his family after the post-mortem.

Mahadeva Nayaka leaves behind his parents Raju Nayaka and Gowri Bai, wife Chennaji Bai, sons Mohan and Manu Nayaka and a host of relatives and friends.

Hotelier among three booked in Mysuru for lockdown violation

Mysuru, Apr.18- In what could be termed as measures at strict enforcement of lockdown, the city Police have booked three persons including a hotelier for allegedly violating lockdown rules. Though there are rules permitting only parcel service from hotels and a ban on table service, this hotelier reportedly flouted rules, said a press release from the Police.

According to an FIR registered at Vijayanagar Police Station, Nagaraj, the owner of Indra Dhanush restaurant at MUDA complex, Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar First Stage, hotel worker Mahadeva Swamy and customer Sampath were booked under various sections of IPC.

The press release said that PSI Ramesh was on rounds when the restaurant was found open where the customer was allegedly allowed to consume food on the hotel premises.

In Mysuru, as per the Police order, hotels and restaurants are prohibited from serving food to customers on their premises. Only parcel service is allowed. This precautionary measure has been taken to restrict people to their house and prevent assembling of people in groups in hotels as it can spread the virus.

Nagaraj, Mahadeva Swamy and Sampath were taken into custody and the charges were framed under IPC Sections 188, 269, 271 and 51 (b), National Disaster Management Act 2005 and Section 3 of Epidemic Diseases Act 1897, said the Police press release.

The case was booked under the directions of Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta, DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, ACP Shivashankar and Inspector Balakrishna.

Milk booths, temple burgled

Mysuru, Apr. 18- While most Mysureans are confined in their houses following enforcement of lockdown, miscreants burgled two Nandini Milk Booths and cash from two hundis at a temple on Apr. 16 night.

In the first incident, miscreants, who gained entry into a Nandini Milk booth near Kanakadasa Circle in Dattagalli, have made away with about Rs. 2,000 cash kept in the cash box.Kuvempunagar Policeconducted mahazar and have registered a case.

In the second case, burglars, who entered Uma Maheshwari Temple behind CITB Kalyana Mantapa in Hebbal 2nd Stage by breaking open the door lock, decamped with cash from two hundies that were offered by the devotees.

In the third case, miscreants have decamped with Rs. 4,000 cash from the cash box of a Milk Booth located on the corner of CITB Kalyana Mantapa Main Road. The theft came to light yesterday morning, when Meenamma, the owner of the milk booth came to open the booth and found the shutters of the booth forcibly opened. On inspecting the milk booth, Meenamma found Rs. 4,000 kept in the cash box stolen.

Hebbal Police conducted mahazar and registered cases. It may be recalled that on Thursday, seven currency notes of Rs. 100 denomination was found on the road behind the CITB Kalyana Mantapa in Hebbal 2nd Stage, creating panic among the residents. Hebbal Police, who had rushed to the spot, took the currency notes into their custody and took up an investigation.

Mandya District Administration launches online M-Pass App

Mandya, Apr. 18- In a bid to provide passes for the public to travel during emergency situations and to prevent them from running around to procure the same, Mandya Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh launched an online M-Pass mobile app at the Office of the Superintendent of Police (SP).

Speaking after launching M-Pass App, the DC said that the District Administration and the Police Department have upgraded the app, through which M-Pass would be provided to the public only during emergency situations.

Continuing, the DC said that the public could download the app to their mobile phone and apply for the M-Pass which would be provided to them through the app and added that the public should use the M-Pass only during emergency situations such as inter-district/ inter-State travelling for healthcare, death, accident and other such situations. The DC Warned against misusing the M-Pass.

Mandya Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K. Yalakkigowda said that the M-Pass App was launched to avoid people travelling unnecessarily and urged the public to utilise the facility only during emergency and co-operate to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Speaking about the M-Pass app, SP Parashuram said that the app is also being launched on the District Police website and also in SP Blog and added that the M-Pass is available in Google Play store from which the public could download the app to their android phones.

Continuing, the SP said that the public should upload their personal information, relevant documents to obtain the pass and KYC details after which the documents would be inspected and then the pass would be provided.

He further said that in case the M-Pass application is rejected, the reason for its rejection would also be available in the app. In case the public is unable to download the M-pass app, they can contact Mahadev at the SP Office through phone who would provide necessary information to them, the SP added. Additional SP Dr. Shobharani and others were present.

Second SARI case reported in Mysuru

65-year-old male patient from Mosambayanahalli village tests positive

Mysuru, Apr. 18- After recording 12 COVID-19 positive cases in Mysuru yesterday, the highest positive cases in a single day, the district reported seven more positive cases this morning. With this the cumulative tally of positive cases has jumped to 80 and active cases at 58. Nine persons have been discharged today taking the total persons to be discharged to 22. Malavalli in Mandya has one more case taking the total positive cases to 12.

Among the positive cases reported today, two are from the Coronavirus epicentre Nanjangud-based Jubilant Generics. Another is a Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) case from Mosambayanahalli village of Mysuru taluk.

P-365, a 30-year-old male from Jubilant, a secondary contact of P-52, P-366, a 50-year-old male again from Nanjangud Jubilant and a secondary contact of P-52 have tested positive.

P-375, a 26-year-old female and a secondary contact of P52 (wife) from Nanjangud Jubilant Generics, P382, a 30-year-old male, a secondary contact of P52 and P383, a 36-year-old male and a secondary contact of P52, P384, a 28-year-old male also a secondary contact of P52 have tested positive today.

P-369, a 65-year-old male from Mosambayanahalli village of Mysuru taluk is a SARI case to test positive. He is the second SARI case from Mysuru, the first being P-273 is a 72-year-old male from Nazarbad. The patient had no foreign travel history and has not been in contact with any COVID-19 positive patients.

With the emergence of second SARI case, contact tracing is being carried out by the District Administration. Family is being tested now as they're primary contacts, said a communication from Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar.

Meanwhile, the state government has decided to shift gears and go on an aggressive surveillance mode to identify patients with Influenza like Illness (ILI) and SARI. "We are chasing the virus. We have decided to identify and test all ILI and SARI cases," health officials said.

City cops step up lockdown surveillance

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Police were seen questioning those who were found not wearing masks and were requesting them to wear masks as their negligence would prove costly to others including their own family members.

It looks like even the sun is preventing the people from coming out of their houses. The intense heat is forcing people to stay indoors between 12 noon and till sunset. People are now seen walking to nearby stores to purchase essential commodities, leaving their vehicles at homes.

Warnings, instructions being issued

Following stricter enforcement of lockdown rules, the Police are issuing instructions and warnings through public address system fitted to Garuda and PCR vehicles.

The Police are instructing the public about the movement of vehicles till 12 noon and avoid unnecessary movements and co-operate with them in preventing the spread of Coronavirus.

Competitions to mark Earth Day on Apr. 22

Mysuru, Apr. 18- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has invited online entries for Poster and Drawing competition from 6th to 8th standard students and Poems and Short Videos competitions (not more than two minutes) from 9th to 12th standard students on the occasion of Earth Day-2020 on the theme 'Climate Action.'

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection.

Schools, teachers and parents can encourage children to participate in these creative activities to express their thoughts on the subject and to utilise the vacation due to COVID-19 in a meaningful way.

Entries should be submitted before Apr. 22 via e-mail to: earthday2020nmnh@gmail.com

Entries should mention the name of the student, contact number, class and address of the school.

Selected entries will be awarded and showcased on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, according to a press release from Dr. G.N. Indresha, Scientist-E and Head of Office, RMNH (Regional Museum of Natural History), Mysuru.

MCC intensifies spraying of disinfectants and fogging

Mysuru, Apr. 18- As per the directions from Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj along with three Abhaya teams are undertaking spraying of disinfectants and fogging in all areas regularly.

Three Abhaya teams consisting of 54 personnel are working in two shifts daily and are disinfecting various places including private clinics, nursing homes, private hospitals, Public Health Centres, medical stores and even open drains in a bid to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other epidemic diseases.

While spraying and fogging are being undertaken twice daily in Hot Spot areas, spraying and fogging in other areas is being undertaken once in three days.

The MCC team is concentrating on group houses built under JnNURM, slums and even burial grounds. Spraying of disinfectants is also being carried out with the help of fire tenders.

REMEMBRANCE

Lt. Col. Kalyatanda B Uthappa
(Retd)

Date of Death: 18-04-2017

Family
Wife : Padma Uthappa and Son
Brother : K.B. Ganapathy
And all family members

If business is good it pays to advertise.
When business is bad you must advertise.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	4,486
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	2,293
Persons isolated in home for 14 days	:	2,139
Persons isolated in hospital active cases	:	58
Total samples tested	:	1,818
Samples found negative	:	1,742
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	80
Persons cured / discharged	:	22
Death toll so far in Mysore	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	12
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	384
Persons cured / discharged	:	104
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	14
Total active cases in India	:	12,289
Persons cured / discharged	:	2,015
Death toll so far in India	:	488

(NOTE: FIGURES TILL 2 PM)

COVID-19 District Emergency Control Room

The Mysuru District Emergency Control Room for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is functional 24x7 and has a team of operators and medical professionals who are working in shifts. All related queries will be handled professionally and necessary guidance will be provided to all callers, according to Mysuru DC.

Mysuru Helpline numbers
1077 or 0821-2423800
Karnataka Helpline number: 104
Central Helpline number:
011-23978046
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